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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1958.

The year under review was another unspoilt by any serious event.

The rising population has now exceeded the 10,000 level and the number of births reflects the relatively youthful new population of the District.

From the environmental point of view sewage disposal and refuse disposal pose their own problems which the rapid expansion of the population has both caused and demands satisfactory solution.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

R. W. KIND,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Area, in acres	2,529	Number of occupied houses	3,337
Rateable value on 1st April 1958	£135,122	Number of houses combined with shops	43
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£599	Number of houses owned by the Council	277
Population (mid 1958)	10,150		

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BIRTHS

Live Births - Legitimate :		
	Male	104
	Female	97
	Total	201
	Illegitimate :	
	Male	1
	Female	1
	Total	2
	Total Live Births :	
	Male	105
	Female	98
	Total	203
Stillbirths		
	Male	2
	Female	2
	Total	4
Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population		19.8

DEATHS

Deaths - all causes	
Male	41
Female	31
Total	72
Deaths from peurperal causes	Nil
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	
Male	3
Female	Nil
Total	3
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	
Male	3
Female	Nil
Total	3
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population	7.09

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CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION.	1958		
		M.	F	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6.	Meningoccoccal Infections	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	1	-	1
11.	" " Bronchus and Lung	2	-	2
12.	" " Breast	-	-	-
13.	" " Uterus	-	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	2	4	6
15.	Leukaemia and aleukaemia	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	1	1	2
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	4	8	12
18.	Coronary disease and angina	6	3	9
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
20.	Other heart diseases	7	4	11
21.	Other circulatory disease	1	1	2
22.	Influenza	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	1	2	3
24.	Bronchitis	1	1	2
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	-	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostrate	-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	2	-	2
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	4	12
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34.	All other accidents	2	2	4
35.	Suicide	-	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	Total (all causes)	41	31	72.

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

IMMUNISATION :

During 1958 156 children under the age of 5 years received primary immunisation against diphtheria. 72 other children received injections to maintain their immunity.

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was continued and no serious delays were experienced. The response from those in the higher age groups was unsatisfactory at the beginning but improved as the scheme secured wider publicity.

B.C.G. vaccination of school leavers was continued. 26 boys and 21 girls accepted it.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1958.

Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified and 13 additional cases came to live within the district.

At the close of the year 46 cases of pulmonary and 6 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were known to be living in the district.

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Notified cases of infectious disease other than those already commented upon were as follows:-

Scarlet Fever	2
Whooping Cough	14
Measles	173
Erysipelas	1
Food Poisoning	4
Dysentery	5

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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Three cases were brought to notice with a view to securing admission to hospital accommodation for the chronic sick. It was necessary to serve an Order under Section 47 of the above Act in one case.

The provision of accommodation for chronic sick is lamentably inadequate and the mechanism for securing admission to such as exists, cumbersome. The three cases cited above were in fact admitted to hospital not intended for chronic sick cases.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

I am indebted to Mr. J. G. Davies, Public Health Inspector, for the following information relating to the sanitary circumstances of this area.

WATER SUPPLY :

Leicester Corporation mains water is piped throughout the district and a total of 3,339 houses with an estimated population of 10,150 have an internal supply.

A further 19 houses have access to this supply and cater for 61 people.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL :

Sewage is dealt with at the Council's own works. The houses in the district are servef by 3,736 water closets, leaving 12 premises supplied by pail closets. These pails are emptied by our own employees every fortnight.

32 cesspools are in use, 2 having been constructed during the year, whilst 2 were abolished.

PUBLIC CLEANSING :

House refuse is collected at weekly intervals by our own employees and is disposed of by controlled tipping. Tip accommodation is seriously limited and the time is rapidly approaching when the Council must reach a decision on future policy to enable the important function of hygienic disposals of refuse to be effected.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA:

Complaints received	63
Premises concerned	111
Defects or nuisances dealt with	86
Total number of inspections made	772

Nature of Inspections

Bakehouses	Nil
Drainage works	Nil
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	224
Infectious Disease Enquiries	8
Food Premises	14
Food Poisoning Enquiries	20
Rodent Control	17
Refuse Collection and Disposal	84
Shops	24
Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspections	278
Smoke Observations	3
Tents, Vans and Sheds	3
Other Inspections	97

Notices Issued

Preliminary	Housing	Public Health.
Outstanding on 1st January 1958	Nil	16
Issued during 1957	Nil	49
Complied with during 1957	Nil	37
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31st December 1958	Nil	4

Regulated Buildings

There are no regulated buildings in the area.

Camping Sites.

There are no such sites in this area.

Verminous Premises.

No infested premises came to notice during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A full time Rodent Operator is employed. The Refuse Tip and Sewers receive regular treatment, whilst a comprehensive service can now be offered to the public.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No premises are involved in the operation of these Acts.

Shop Acts, 1950.

Action under Section 38 of this Act was taken to remedy defective sanitary accommodation at one shop.

Swimming Bath.

Nine inspections were made and samples of water were taken. Seven proved to be satisfactory. The filtration and chlorination plant is in continuous use, and cleansing of the bath remedied the algal growth which gave rise to the two unsatisfactory samples.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

Premises involved in the operation of the Acts	19
Inspections made	Nil
Defects found	Nil
Number of Outworkers	19

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

Premises Inspected	6
Number of Inspections made	14
Informal Notices served	2
Informal notices complied with	2

ICE CREAM.

Twelve premises are registered for the sale of Ice cream. Six samples were taken during the year, all of these proving to be Grade 1.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

Only four distributors are registered. Three inspections were made. No contraventions were found.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS)(PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS 1949 and MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949

Licences issued under the above-named Regulations:-

	Dealers	Supplementary.
Pasteurised	3	4
Sterilised	3	4
Tuberculin Tested	3	3

MILK SAMPLING.

No sampling was carried out during 1958.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Licensed Slaughterhouses in the area	3
Animals slaughtered therein	1843
Animals examined at the time of slaughter	1843
Visits made for this purpose	278
Number of Meat Stores in the area	7
Inspections made	9

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS AT THE TIME OF SLAUGHTER.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	327	18	4	1304	190
Number inspected	327	18	4	1304	190
All Diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	39	8	-	4	2
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	11.9	44.4	-	0.3	1.05
Tuberculosis Only. Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	16	2	-	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.5	11.1	-	1.05	-

HOUSING

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	43
Number of inspections made for the purpose	56
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2

CLEARANCE AREAS. (Housing Act, 1936 and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)

Number of dwelling-houses demolished or closed in the period		Number of persons displaced.
Unfit Houses	Other Houses	
2	Nil	25

REPAIRS:-

	Number of Houses.
Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts	4

UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE:-

No such houses are in use.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT:-

No such houses were purchased.

OVERCROWDING:-

It is felt that no overcrowding exists.

RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES:-

Four Improvement Grants under the Housing Act, 1949, were sought.

Three such grants were allowed at 50% of the approved cost of works.

NEW HOUSES:-

Number of applications for Council Houses at the end of the year	78
Local Authority houses completed during the year	19
Local Authority houses under construction at the end of the year	16
Private enterprise houses completed during the year	413
Private enterprise houses under construction at the end of the year	129
Total number of post war houses completed by	
(a) Local Authority	231
(b) Private enterprise	1,564

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